MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : I want to know the nature of the irregularity committed by him. The Inspector-General says that he was punished for some irregularity. And, that is a very vague answer.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I will repeat the answer given by me to another honourable member 24 hours before in connection with a similar question. The matter is *sub judice* departmentally and, I am afraid, I cannot divulge the nature of the irregularities committed by him in the discharge of his departmental duties to the honourable member.

PRESIDENT : I find that the honourable member's curiosity has been aroused by certain departmental punishments. But these questions are not going to do any good to the persons whose names are referred to. Obviously the idea would be that a particular person goes and bothers the members to do this and that. But let it be remembered that each man has a right of appeal, and the appeal is considered by Government. In certain departmental punishments meted out by heads of departments it was found from the nature of the evidence collected in respect of the offence that it would give the impression that the man concerned was trying to get behind that order. After all, it may not do him good. In one or two cases that have come to my notice, on an examination of the papers I had to take stronger action in respect of those persons. To my mind obviously the whole matter is being engineered by certain individuals. That is the position.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Is it permissible to put questions on behalf of certain irregularities committed by the officers themselves?

PRESIDENT : General questions of this nature are not within the purview of this particular question.

*"Other Hindu" employees in the Anchal Department.*

310. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks, Anchal-men and runners now in service in the Anchal Department, coming under the class of "Other Hindus?"

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Records are not maintained showing the sub-divisions to which members of the public service coming under the classification "Other Hindus" belong.

*Statement, by caste, of the persons in the Anchal Department.*

311. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons in the Anchal Department holding appointments carrying a pay of above Rs. 50?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : The statement is laid on the table.

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